

# Town Dedicates New Center Moriches Playground in Memory of Anthony M. Parlato

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**Farmingville, NY** - On May 27, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico dedicated the new playground at Clayton Huey Elementary School in Center Moriches to the memory of Anthony M. Parlato, who passed away in April of 2013. The new playground was funded with a Federal Community Development Block Grant provided through Suffolk County and it complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The new barrier-free, wheelchair accessible playground was dedicated to Mr. Parlato, who was well-known for his public service and volunteerism on behalf of children in the Center Moriches community.

"I couldn't think of a better way to honor Anthony Parlato, a man who dedicated his life to helping others, especially the children in the community. This new playground is for everyone to enjoy, and for parents of special needs children, they will have peace of mind that their child can have fun and be safe."

Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico commented, "This playground will honor the memory of Anthony Parlato. The accessibility to children of all ability levels and safe place for parents to bring children in the community will be a reminder of Anthony Parlato's impact on the community."

Center Moriches School Superintendent Russell Stewart said, "Anthony was a man of noble character; a man who gave of his life and time for others. His love, kind-heartedness and genuine friendship could be felt by all those who knew him, and emanated to all those who crossed his path. Anthony was a man of action; he didn't just open his mouth to speak - he walked the walk. 1 John 3:18, describes perfectly who Anthony was and how he lived his life: '... Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth.' I thank God for the privilege of knowing Anthony and for the true friendship that we shared."

Pictured back row, left to right are Center Moriches School District (CMSD) Superintendent Russell Stewart, Tony Parlato, CMSD School Board President Joshua Foster, Councilman Panico, Supervisor Romaine, CMSD Building and Grounds Supervisor Tom Kelly, Brookhaven Town Parks Commissioner Ed Morris and Deputy Parks Commissioner Rob Maag. Front row, left to right are Kelly Ann Parlato, Susan Parlato, Michelle Reed, Zachary Reed, Sean Reed Alexis Parlato and Anthony Parlato.

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